



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

SCHREIBER et al

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Serial No.: 09/989,298

Group Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: Zeman, R.

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April 16, 2003

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, set forth in the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group II (claims 3-10 and 22) for prosecution in this application.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the restriction requirement at least as between Groups II and III as both are drawn to a method of enhancing the ability of a cell to degrade a particle. The difference in classification of the two Groups is noted, however, it is believed that a thorough search of the subject matter of Group II would likely encompass the subject matter of

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Group III. Accordingly, it is submitted that no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner if both Groups were to be considered in the same application. Rejoinder of the Groups II and III is thus requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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